

# Region 3 Candidate Species List

## U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Region 3 (Ill., Ind., Iowa, Mich., Mo., Minn., Ohio, Wis.)

**Candidate species** are plants and animals have been studied, and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) has decided that they should be proposed for threatened or endangered status. The listing priority number indicates the general order in which they will be proposed. The pace at which new listing proposals are completed depends upon the funding appropriated by Congress to the listing and classification portions of the Service budget. While candidate species are not protected by the Act, some Federal candidate species **are** protected by State laws. (Bold type indicates states that are within Region 3.)

| Common Name and Scientific Name                                     | Known Range  | Lead Region | Region 3 Lead Office                | Listing Priority |
|---|--|-------------|-------------------------------------|------------------|
| Eastern massasauga<br>( <i>Sistrurus catenatus catenatus</i> )      | <b>IA, IL, IN, MI, MO, MN, NY, OH, PA, WI</b> ; Canada (Ontario) | 3           | Bloomington, Indiana Field Office   | 9                |
| Ozark hellbender<br>( <i>Cryptobranchus alleganiensis bishopi</i> ) | AR, <b>MO</b>  | 4           | Columbia, Missouri Field Office     | 5                |
| Dakota skipper<br>( <i>Hesperia dacotae</i> )                       | <b>MN, IA, SD, ND, IL</b> ; Canada                               | 3           | Twin Cities, Minnesota Field Office | 11               |
| Grotto sculpin<br>( <i>Cottus sp.</i> )                             | <b>MO</b>  | 3           | Columbia, Missouri Field Office     | 2                |
| Arkansas darter<br>( <i>Etheostoma cragini</i> )                    | AR, CO, KS, <b>MO</b> , OK                                       | 6           | Columbia, Missouri Field Office     | 11               |
| Neosho mucket<br>( <i>Lampsilis rafinesqueana</i> )                 | AR, KS, <b>MO</b> , OK   | 4           | Columbia, Missouri Field Office     | 5                |
| Short's bladderpod<br>( <i>Lesquerella globosa</i> )                | <b>IN, KY, TN</b>  | 4           | Bloomington, Indiana Field Office   | 5                |

If you are interested in learning about a specific candidate, please contact the lead office listed for that species:

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